

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A particulate laundry detergent composition, for providing a visual perception of whiteness to cotton, having a pH of from 7 to 11, which comprises a surfactant and from 0.0001 to 0.02 wt% of a photostable blue acid dye or a violet acid dye which has a substantivity to non-mercerised cotton in a standard test of at least 8% but has a substantivity to nylon of less than 5%, wherein the standard test involves a solution of dye being prepared such that the solution has (i) an optical density of 1 (5 cm pathlength) at the maximum absorption of the dye in the visible wavelengths, (ii) a sodium lauryl alkyl benzene sulphonate surfactant concentration of 0.3 g/l, (iii) inorganic non-surfactant salt concentration of 1.1 g/l, (iv) under wash conditions of a liquor to cloth ratio of 45:1, temperature of 20°C, soak times of 45 minutes, and an agitation time of 10 minutes.

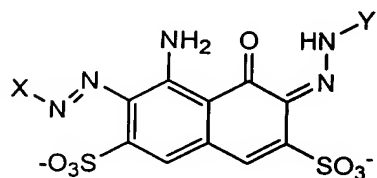
Claim 2 (Previously Presented) A particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dye has a peak absorption wavelength on cotton of from 550nm to 650nm.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dye comprises a combination of dyes which together have the visual effect on the human eye as a single dye having a peak absorption wavelength on cotton of from 550nm to 650nm.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, which comprises from 0.0005 to 0.01 wt% of the dye.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the dye is selected from acid red 17, acid blue 29, acid black 1 or mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) A particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the dye is selected from the group comprising blue and violet acid dyes of structure



where at least one of X and Y must be an aromatic group, preferably both, the aromatic groups may be a substituted benzyl or naphthyl group, which may be substituted with non water solubilising groups such as alkyl or alkyloxy or aryloxy groups, X and Y may not be substituted with water solubilising groups such as sulphonates or carboxylates.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) A particulate laundry detergent compositiono as claimed in claim 1 wherein the dye is selected from the group comprising red acid dyes of structure



where B is a naphthyl or benzyl group that may be substituted with non water solubilising groups such as alkyl or alkyloxy or aryloxy groups, B may not be substituted with water solubilising groups such as sulphonates or carboxylates.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the surfactant is a non-soap surfactant.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) A particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the surfactant is an anionic or cationic surfactant.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein the surfactant is an anionic surfactant, preferably C₈-C₁₅ linear alkyl benzene sulphonate.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, which comprises from 5 to 60 wt % of surfactant.